BRANDED FORMULATIONS

3053. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 396 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th April, 1993 and state :

(a) what are the branded formulations having turnover of more than Rs. 5 crores as per URG which are price decontrolled;

(b) what were the prices of these branded formulttions before DPCO, 1987 and what are their prices now and what is the percentage increase;

(c) what are the top 100 brands price controlled formulations as per URG and what were their prices before DPCO, 1987 and what are their prices now;

(d) whether it is a fact that prices of these formulations have risen disproportionately and Government is shielding the Producers; and

(e) what is the purpose of monitoring if the Government cannot check disproportionate price increases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALERIO) : (a) to (c) The time and labour involved in the collection, compilation and analysis of the desired information would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

RETURNS FILED BY DRUG COMPANIES

3054. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 399 given in Rajya Sabha on the 29th April, 1993 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of drug companies have furnished to Government details in Form-6 during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether it is a fact that they have also submitted details of consumption of each of the imported or indigenous bulk drug and their value; and

(c) if so, what are the names of the imported bulk drugs of the value of Rs. 5 lakhs used by each of the companies during the above period and whether this data has been used to review the formulation prices or not ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDURADO FALEIRO) : (a) For 1991-92 79 drug companies submitted details in Forms-6 prescribed in the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987. So far 26 companies have submitted Form-6 for 1992-93.

(b) Compaies are required to submit break-up of indigenous and imported bulk drug consumption in respect of price controlled drugs only.

(c) While fixing/revising prices of formulations the landed cost of imported bulk drug is generally considered on the basis of import documents or the weighted average landed cost of the bulk drug on the basis of data maintained by Directorate General of Health Services, whichever is lower.

DPEA AMOUNT

3055. PROF. I. G. SANADI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount deposited in the Drug Prices Equalisation Account since the account was opened;

(b) what are the details of companies which deposited alongwith the date and amount deposited by each;

(c) what is the balance as on the 30th November, 1993 and how much amount was withdrawn along with the date of each withdrawal and for what purpose;

(d) which is the name of the Bank where the amount has been deposited and what was the interest given each year;

(e) whether the account is still in operation, if so, who is operating it; and

(f) whether any amount is due to this account, if so, the estimated figures and by when the total amount would be deposited ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EADUARDO FALEIRO) : (a), (b) and (f) : The details asked for has been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 7 answered on 12-12-1993.

(c), (d) and (e) An amount of Rs. 12.04 crores is available as balance towards DPEA Account and Rs. 18.53 crores has been utilised over the years for the purpose for which the amount is collected. In addition, Rs. 5.60 lakhs has been paid as fee to National Council of Applied Economic Research for a study conducted by the Council. The amount towards the DPEA is not kept in any bank but is maintained by the Government.

BULK DRUG CARBAMEZAPINE AND RANITIDINE

3056. **PROF. I. G. SANADI** : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether enquiry to investigate as to how high price has been allowed while fixing the prices of formulations based on Darbamezapine and Ranitidine have since been completed, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what was the bulk drug price on which the formulation prices were based and what was the price on which they should have been based; and

(c) what was the usage of these bulk drugs in the forumlations during the period in question ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No such enquiry has been conducted.

(b) For Carbamedapine bulk drug price of Rs. 3730.81/kg. was adopted for fixing the celling prices of Carbamezapine based tablets on 12-3-1993. Price of Rs. 6038/kg was adopted for fixing the price of Carbamezapine Syrup for paediatric use.

In respect of Ranitidine bulk drug a price of Rs. 4396/kg was adopted on the basis of weighted average for 9 months period of 1987-88 on 20-6-1988.